

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

September 1, 2005

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Toni Young, Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Councilmember Toni Young, Port Hueneme, President	District 45
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, 1 st Vice President, Los Angeles County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Supervisor Chris Norby, Orange County	
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Roberts, Temecula, Immediate Past President	District 5
Councilmember Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Mayor Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Councilmember Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Councilmember Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Councilmember Marilyn Poe, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Councilmember Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Councilmember Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35

Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Councilmember Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Councilmember Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Councilmember Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64

Members Not Present

Supervisor Victor Carillo, Imperial County	
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Supervisor Gary Ovitt, 2 nd Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Councilmember Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Mayor John Beaman, Brea	District 22
Councilmember Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Martin Ludlow, Los Angeles	District 57
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	District 61
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Councilmember Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles	At-Large
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Supervisor Lou Correa, Orange County	OCTA
Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Young.

2.0 INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

Councilmember Washburn asked the RC to remember the victims of the Katrina Hurricane in the Gulf.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar items were MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Washburn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of July 7, 2005

4.1.2 Approve Co-Sponsorship of SCAQMD Air Awards Luncheon

4.1.3 Approve Sponsorship of Southern California Leadership Network Class Tuition, Leader of the Year Luncheon and Graduation Ceremony

4.1.4 Approve Contracts over \$250,000

- Aztec \$300,000

4.2 Receive & File

4.2.1 Purchase Orders/ Contracts between \$5,000 - \$250,000

4.2.2 SCAG Delegation Shanghai Trip Attachment

4.2.3 Monthly Financial Report

4.2.4 State & Federal Legislative Matrix

5.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

5.1 **Acceptance of SCAG's 2nd Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award**

Genie Roberts, Finance Director, City of Temecula, representative of the GFOA, presented the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting to SCAG for FY June 30, 2004. She stated that the certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting and therefore special recognition and acknowledgement should be given to the finance and accounting staff for this accomplishment.

Heather Copp, CFO, accepted the award on behalf of SCAG and the Finance Department. She thanked the finance and accounting staff as well as the entire SCAG staff.

5.2 **Special Recognition Acknowledging the Port of Long Beach for Sponsoring the 2005 SCAG Staff Retreat in the City of Long Beach**

Mark Pisano thanked Mr. Carl Kemp, Director, Public Information Division, Port of Long Beach, and the City of Long Beach for sponsoring the 2005 SCAG staff retreat held in the City of Long Beach. Mr. Pisano presented an award to Mr. Kemp as well as Commissioner Cordera acknowledging their hospitality as well as hosting a tour of the harbor.

5.3 **Discussion of October Meeting Conflict with League of Cities**

Due to a conflict with the League of California Cities' meeting, the Regional Council discussed alternative dates for the October meeting. After a discussion there was a consensus of the members present to schedule the next meeting Monday, October 10, 2005 at SCAG offices.

Staff was directed to place all future meeting conflicts earlier on the agenda to allow enough time for planning and rescheduling.

5.4 **Appointments**

Regional Council

Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank, District 42

Regional Council Members to Policy Committees

To CEHD: Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland
To EEC: Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

Representing CVAG:

To CEHD Hon. Melanie Fesmire, Indio

Tribal Government Relations Task Force

Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead

Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet & RCTC

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario

5.5 Announcements

President Young stated that Caltrans asked that audits of the subregions be conducted by SCAG to make sure that funds awarded to the subregions were not used for eligible activities.

She stated that SCAG books are closed July 31st of each year. All travel and reimbursements should be submitted prior to this time. In addition President Young requested that a policy book be put together that outline specific policies and procedures for Regional Council members.

She announced that SCAG will have visitors from Korea on November 16, 2005. The purpose of their visit is to look at planning and growth of the region.

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano stated that SCAG staff attended the second annual Staff Retreat "Goods Vibrations" at the Hyatt in Long Beach. President Young and Mayor Beverly O'Neill opened the day. The theme for the day was Goods Movement – Leadership for Southern California. The Port of Long Beach and the city of Long Beach sponsored an excellent tour of the harbor which was very educational. During the retreat seven staff members were awarded the Peer Recognition Award, which is an approved program by the Regional Council to recognize and reward the efforts of fellow staff members.

He reported on the status of the Blueprint Planning Grants Program. The governor's budget has allocated \$5million for regional scenario planning, called Blueprint Planning, for state MPOs. Staff attended a grant workshop help by Caltrans on August 2nd in Sacramento. As an MPO, SCAG can submit an application for funds to assist in ongoing planning efforts. Applications must demonstrate a commitment to public engagement, a local match of at least 20%, and focus on the housing/transportation/land use connection.

Dick Steinke, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach, wanted to know more information on the Port and Modal Elasticity Study and the related work done by SCAG. It was reported that he was briefed on August 22nd by Hasan Ikhrata and Mark Pisano.

Mr. Pisano also reported on the third Executive Stakeholder Roundtable held on August 24, 2005 at the SANBAG offices. The program featured presentations on two major pieces of work: the Port and Modal Elasticity Study, completed by Rob Leachman, Professor at UC Berkeley and the Value Matrix analysis done by SCAG staff.

The elasticity model predicts that if transportation congestion through the SCAG region is improved, little trade would be diverted to other ports even if a fee as high as \$190-200 per forty-foot equivalent container were used as a funding source for the congestion relief.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Executive Committee Report

7.1.1 Contracts/P.O. over \$250,000

The Regional Council had previously directed the Executive Committee (EC) to meet in August, if necessary, to discuss and act upon items requiring approval. The Executive Committee met on August 4, 2005 and approved the following contracts: 1) System Metrics; and 2) Fregonese Calthorpe & Associates.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to ratify EC's action approving the contracts.

7.2 Administration Committee Report

7.2.1 FY 2006-07 Comprehensive Budget Development Schedule

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7.2.2 Resolution 05-466-1 to Accept FTA 5313B Transit Planning Funds for a Sun Village Transportation Study

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Bone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to waive reading and approve Resolution 05-466-1 accepting FTA 5313 Transit Planning Funds for a Sun Village Transportation Study.

7.2.3 Resolution 05-466-2 Securing Our Share - Blueprint Planning Grant Funds

7.2.4 It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Aldinger) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to waive reading and approve Resolution 05-466-2 Securing Our Share - Blueprint Planning Grant Funds.

7.2.5 Sponsorship for the Southern California Housing Summit (HUD)

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Washburn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to provide \$5,000 sponsorship for the Southern California Housing Summit (HUD).

7.2.6 FY 2004/2005 Membership Dues for the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to authorize payment of \$5,000 FY 04/05 and \$5,000 for FY 05/06 Membership dues for the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

7.2.7 Co-Sponsorship of 2006 National Engineers Future City Competition

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Aldinger) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to co-sponsor \$2,500 for the 2006 National Engineers Future City Competition.

7.2.8 Rose Institute Conference September 23 – 24, 2005

This issue rose after the posting of agenda. It was MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to place the item on the agenda for action.

The Rose Institute for Civic Engagement will be holding a training workshop for legislators and community leaders in which SCAG was invited participate. The Administration Committee recommended approval of registration for three RC members.

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7.3 Transportation & Communication Committee (TCC) Report

7.3.1 SAFETEA-LU Surface Transportation Bill Update

Councilmember Baldwin stated that the goods movement discussion was previously reflected in the Executive Director's report.

It was MOVED (Baldwin), SECONDED (Aldinger) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to receive & file the report.

7.4 Community, Economic & Housing Development Committee Report (CEHD)

7.4.1 RHNA Schedule

Councilmember Nowatka stated that the CEHD recommended that the schedule be received & filed. Councilmember Robertson, Chair, requested that the RHNA schedule be brought at the next meeting of the CEHD for further discussion.

It was MOVED (Nowatka), SECONDED (Tyler) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to receive & file.

7.5 Energy & Environment Committee

7.5.1 ACA 13 Attachment

This bill would exempt the fees and charges associated with local stormwater & flood management programs from voter approval requirement as defined by Prop 218.

Councilmember Washburn, stated that EEC recommended support of ACA 13 being placed on the earliest statewide ballot for voter ratification.

It was MOVED (Washburn), SECONDED (Tyler), with one OPPOSITION (Brown) and APPROVED.

Councilmember Washburn reported that the EEC recommended that staff present an operational format for starting an Ad-hoc Energy Working Group to address energy issues.

7.6 **Communications & Membership Subcommittee Report**

The Subcommittee reviewed items in the Executive Director's Performance Agreement covered by the Subcommittee's jurisdiction and gave staff specific direction dealing with a forum for business partnership and orientation of new members.

In addition the subcommittee discussed how to go about creating a forum for a business partnership. This forum will provide an opportunity for business groups active with SCAG to become more involved. For now, this group is being called the "Business Friends of SCAG" or **BFOS**. RC members having ideas about how such a group should function or be structured, should talk with any member of the Subcommittee or Don Rhodes. Staff will come back to the subcommittee with suggestions for membership, structure, and activities for the business partners.

The subcommittee also discussed ways to improve orientation for new RC members. This includes training, orientations, briefings, and workshops. Staff report back with suggestions related to orienting new RC and policy committee members, including ideas for mentoring and meeting members in their subregions.

SCAG's recently updated Communication Strategy document is currently being converted into a more reader-friendly format. The formal strategy statement will be retained and the new publication will be available for general distribution in the near future.

Additional activities to commemorate SCAG's 40th Anniversary are underway or being planned, including: Presentation of Member Appreciation Plaques to each member jurisdiction; Participation at the OCCOG General Assembly last week; Participating at the CVAG Board meeting on September 26th, at the SW Compact event in El Centro on September 29th, at the WRCOG Board meeting in October and with SANBAG at the League of Cities Inland Empire Division meeting in November; and a staff and alumni celebration in October or November.

8.0 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No future items presented at this time.

9.0 **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

A closed session will be held only if necessary to report significant developments or to take required actions.

9.1 **Closed Session – Time Specific 1:30 p.m.**

- Writ of Mandate re: Board of Control Decision on, Statutes 1980 Ch. 1143 Claim No. 3929 Before the Commission on State Mandates (RHNA Determination Cost Reimbursement- Council of Governments). Code Section Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government 54956.9 Pending Litigation (one potential case)."
- Conference with Legal Counsel – potential litigation Audit issues: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and Orange County Council of Governments. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) Two (2) potential cases.

A report was given but no action taken.

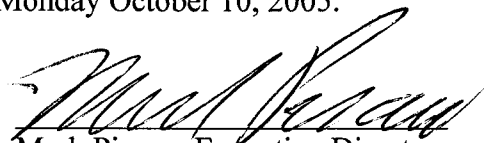
- Havens v. SCAG
Havens v. Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 324931
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.9(a)

10.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Young announced that a SCAG/SANDAG meeting would be held on September 8, 2005. In addition she stated that there is a slot for a RC member who is interested in attending the Southern California Leadership Network.

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held at SCAG offices on Monday October 10, 2005.


Mark Pisano, Executive Director